

Mountainview Lake Protection Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2022
114 Hamel Road

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Steproe at 9:00 a.m..

It was moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting be waived. Passed.

The 2022-23 slate of Officers and Board members was presented:

President: Nancy Steproe

Vice President: Julia Magee

Secretary: Marty Hopkins

Treasurer: Greg Swick

Board Members: David Campbell, John Quinn, Carol Hirsch and Steve Ehret.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed slate be approved. Passed.

Kirk Bishop from LSPA presented information about the Let's Be Clear Campaign. Because lakes in NH are warming and shrinking, it is critical that we stay vigilant and actively work to preserve them. He outlined 8 ways each of us can help, the most critical of which is to limit the use of phosphorus near the water. More information about the program can be found at www.lakesunapee.org.

Joe Maraldo presented information from the NH Lakes Congress. He encouraged us to be proactive in lake watching. If we see any suspicious growth in the lake we should collect a sample and take it either to him or Nancy Steproe who will arrange to have it analyzed.

Recently a loon was reported to be in distress in a creek near 103B. Carol Maraldo called the Loon Protection Association who came and rescued, tested, tagged and released the loon back onto our lake.

It was noted that there is a turtle nest on the Mountainview Shores beach and we should be careful to avoid and/or protect it until the eggs hatch.

Nancy reported that the first of three 2022 water collections occurred on June 12. Results show that the lake is doing okay, but there are some areas of potential concern. The next collection will occur on July 18. Sara Steiner from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will participate in that collection, review the data with the collection team, and reassess appropriate sampling locations for future collections. Testing for E.coli occurs once each summer. This year the test will be conducted in July.

Greg Swick presented the financial report:
Our financial situation slipped this year.

Cash on hand declined from \$8500 to \$7528.

This was due to lower membership intake:

From \$2600 in the last period to \$2110 this year, as the number of contributors declined to 38 with six of those in the Mountainview Shores group.

And

Higher expenses; principally the fish fund.

The fish stocking completed its third year. In year one and two the cost to the association after donations was \$700 and \$100 respectively. This year the net cost to the association was \$1610.

Since we maintain very low costs — most of the activities are covered by volunteer labor — we are not in a financial bind. But a membership to owner participation on the lake of <40% would not be considered healthy.

Question about use of the funds was raised. It was noted that it is critical that we have funds available to pay for yearly water samplings as well as treatments that may be required should invasive species appear on our lake.

It was suggested that information about dues payment and use of MVLPA funds be distributed by snail mail to all households around the lake. A self addressed stamped envelope could be included, making dues payment simpler.

Nancy Steproe reported that this year's lake cleanup went well, and that only about a half bag of garbage, one tire, and some wood were collected. After praising us for taking such good care of the lake this year, she suggested that we may only need to hold clean up days every other year.

In other business:

The dam will be inspected this year.

Steve and Michelle will be hosting a July 4 community BBQ @ 104 Hamel Road.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Hopkins, Secretary